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Report of Selectmen

Tax required to be assessed in town April, 1912

State tax	$ 512 00
County tax	479 37
Town charges	550 00
Highways and bridges	858 53
Library tax	21 40
School tax	1,030 00
Overlay	114 23
	$3,565 53

Rate of taxation 1.60 on each $100.00

INVOICE APRIL 1, 1912

Polls	86	$ 8,600 00
Real estate		172,588 00
Horses	142	10,650 00
Oxen	4	382 00
Cows	248	9,290 00
Other neat stock	126	3,526 00
Sheep	195	758 00
Hogs	18	206 00
Fowls	570	300 00
Automobile	1	300 00
Stock in banks		4,200 00
Money on hand and at interest		9,244 00
Stock in trade		1,570 00
Mills		1,500.00
		$223,114 00

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending February 15, 1913

February 15, 1912, cash in treasury	$ 175 15
Received from Forestry Department, forest fires	20 37
Sullivan County, support of paupers	120 43
Town Clerk, dog license money	70 80
Solon A. Carter, state aid	181 00
Sullivan county for support of paupers	270 44
Town clerk, dog license money	4 50
Town clerk, registration fees	12 00
Solon A. Carter, state aid	143 17
State savings bank tax	167 29
Tax collector	2,541 13
State bounty on hedge hogs	6 20
Tax collector, interest on taxes	6 06
Selectmen, Mary Holden trust fund	11 92
Selectmen, Henry Prentiss trust fund	1 50
Selectmen, Bowles trust fund	14 00
Selectmen, Garfield trust fund	6 50
Elsie J. LaSelle, for calalogue sold	15
	$3,752 61

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid County tax	479 37
State tax	512 00
Selectmen's orders	2,422 24
Cash to balance	339 00
	$3,752 61

HERBERT A. HOLMES, Town Treasurer.

TOWN OFFICERS

George H. Royce, 1st selectman 1911	$ 50 00
Marshall F. Bragg, 2d selectman 1911	31 50
Edwin H. Clark, 3rd selectman 1911	7 50

Herbert A. Holmes, town clerk 1912	$ 25 00
Herbert A. Holmes, town treasurer 1912	25 00
Frank R. Bates, sexton 1912	24 30
William H. Wilson, tax collector 1912	50 00
Charles Winch, auditor, 1912	1 50
Mrs. Elsie J. LaSelle, librarian 1912	15 00
George A. Holmes, supervisor to Feb. 15, 1913	4 25
Walter H. Smith, supervisor to Feb. 15, 1913	6 75
Henry .E Smith, supervisor to Feb. 15, 1913	6 00
Herbert A. Holmes, board of health	2 25
Mrs. Mae A. Wharton, board of health	7 30
	$ 256 35

COUNTY PAUPERS

Balance due from Sullivan County, Feb. 15, 1912	$ 89 86
Paid for benefit of Milton J. Clark	201 84
Paid for benefit of Carrie Greene	144 66
	$436 36
Received from Sullivan County	390 87
Due from Sullivan County, Feb. 15, 1913	$ 45 49

DOG LICENSES

Received from Dog Licenses, 1912	$ 75 30
Expenses Constable	4 50
Amount Payable School April 1, 1913	70 80

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Herbert G. Lamb, breaking road in 1911	$ 5 50
S. H. Lawrence, work on road	4 40
Morris Dillon, work on road 5½ days	11 00
Robert H. Wheeler, work on road 4½ days	9 00
William Ormbsy, work on road 5½ days	11 00
A. P. Fish, work on road 4½ d	9 00

Charles Bushway, with 6 horses 5½ days	$	55 00
Thomas Bushway, work on road 5½ days		11 00
Frank R. Bates, work on road 5½ days		11 00
A. P. Fish, work on road 6 days		12 00
William Ormsby, work on road 6 days		12 00
R. H. Wheeler, work on road 6 days		12 00
Charles Bushway, 6 horses, two men 6 days		72 00
George H. Royce, work on road 6 days		12 00
Morris Dillon, work on road 6 days		12 00
F. R. Bates, work on road 6 days		12 00
Frank R. Bates, work on road 5 days		10 00
Charles Bushway, 6 horses and 2 men 5 days		60 00
Morris Dillon, work on road 4 days		8 00
William Ormsby, work on road 5 days		10 00
R. N. Wheeler, work on road 5 days		10 00
Geo. H. Royce, work on road 5 days		10 00
Robert H. Wheeler, raking stone		10 00
Geo. H. Royce, work on road		8 50
G. H. Royce, raking stone		10 00
R. H. Wheeler, work in Kinson District		4 00
George H. Royce, work in Kinson District		4 00
George Porter, work with team		7 60
Geo. H. Royce, work on sluices		5 00
Robert H. Wheeler, work on road and sluice		7 00
Morris Dillon, work on bridge		7 14
Wm. Kirkpatrick, breaking road in 1911		5 40
Marshall F. Bragg, work on road and cash paid out		13 10
Selectmen, cash paid for work on road		54 20
Emery W. Henry, work on road with team 1 day		3 60
Henry C. Metcalf, to drain tile and cement		4 07
C. J. Newell, bridge plank		30 30
Selectmen, planking Stanley and Bates bridge		12 00
John L. Chandler, work on road with team		10 40
Frank R. Bates, work on road		15 50
Marshall F. Bragg, work on road		29 00
Henry E. Smith, snowing bridges to Feb. 15, 1913		2 00

Herbert A. Holmes, breaking roads in 1911	$ 1 45
Geo. H. Royce, work on road 5½ days	11 00
	$ 634 36

STATE AID ROAD

George H. Royce, cash paid Sept. 30	$ 59 74
George H. Royce, cash paid Oct. 5	134 58
George H. Royce, cash paid Oct. 12	144 30
George H. Royce, cash paid Oct. 19	132 94
George H. Royce, cash paid Oct. 26	78 12
George H. Royce, cash paid Nov. 2	60 61
Total	$ 610 29
Total joint fund	654 75
Town disbursements	610 29
State disbursements	33 48
Balance in town treasury	4 88
Balance in state treasury	6 10
	$ 654 75

MISCELLANEOUS

George H. Royce, printing notices and postage	$ 3 79
George T. Woodell, repairs on scraper	3 00
Field & Lawrence, shovel, picks and clippers	11 25
Geo. H. Foss, M. D., returning births and deaths	2 75
R. H. Ramsay, setting glass	1 02
Emery W. Henry, constable on dog licenses	4 50
Geo. G. Bowen, lumber for guide boards	1 72
E. L. Elliott, printing town reports	18 25
Good Road Machine Co., 1 scraper edge	8 50
A. H. Fuller, supplies for Board of Health	4 35
Geo. T. Woodell, painting guide boards and posts	18 30
F. J. Marvin, 3 lanterns, oil and nails	2 72
E. C. Eastman, blanks and blank books	4 65
Kent & Burroughs, irons for railing	1 45
Geo. H. Royce, making and putting up guide boards	4 00

Library trustees, library tax	$	21 40
B. T. Mousley, M. D., returning births and deaths		1 50
Geo. H. Royce, irons and lock and putting it on		2 20
F. R. Bates, care of John Holden lot		11 92
Frank R. Bates, care of Balls lot		14 00
Frand R. Bates, care of Garfield lot		6 50
Elizabeth B. Prentiss, care of the Prentiss lots		1 50
Treasurer of School District, Dog License for 1911		90 00
Walter C. Porter, cleaning the chimney to town house		1 00
E. M. Smith Esq., Retaining Fee. for 1912		5 00
G. H. Royce, postage and envelopes moth notices		2 14
Wm. H. Wilson, abatement of Fred Glynn		2 14
Ezra Lufkin and Natt Beckwith, tax		5 25
Eleazer Porter, note and interest		307 33
Wm. H. Wilson, for use watering trough 1912		3 00
Herbert H. Holmes, recording births and marriages and deaths		1 95
		$564 74

BOUNTY ON HEDGEHOGS

Selectmen, paid bounty on 50 hedgehogs	$	10 00
Received of the state Jan. 1, 1913		6 20
Due from the state Feb. 15, 1913	$	3 80

RECAPITULATION

Town officers	$	256 35
County paupers		346 50
Highway and bridges		634 36
State aid road		610 29
State tax		512 00
County tax		479 37
Miscellaneous		564 74
Bounty on hedgehogs		10 00
		$3,413 61

TRUST FUNDS

The Henry Prentiss, Martha Bowles, Mary Holden and Elisha Garfield funds are invested in the Bellows Falls Savings bank, the interest to be expended in the care of the Prentiss lots, the Reed lot in south cemetery, the Holden and Garfield lots in the north cemetery.

The Prentiss fund and interest	$ 219 38
The Holden fund	93 00
The Bowles fund	100 00
The Garfield fund	100 00

ASSETS

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1913	339 00
Due from Sullivan County Feb. 15, 1913	45 49
Due from state bounty on hedgehogs	3 80
	$ 388 29

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. ROYCE,
MARSHALL F. BRAGG,
JOHN L. CHANDLER,
} Selectmen of Langdon

This certifies that I have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES WINCH, Auditor

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15, 1913.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1912	$ 15 72
Fines imposed	52
Library tax	21 40
	$ 37 64

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Apr. 3, 1912, 6 volumes purchased of G. H. Tilden & Co.	$ 5 25

Feb. 14, 1913, 24 volumes purchased of G. H. Tilden & Co.	$ 24 18
	$ 29 43
Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1913	8 21
	$ 37 64

The use of the library has been fully up to the average of other years.

ELIZABETH B. PRENTISS,
Secretary of Library Trustees.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Number of schools maintained	2
Terms of school	
Weeks in the spring	21
Weeks in the fall	28
Weeks in the winter	9
Number of weeks	58
Grammar school of 4 weeks	
Schools were closed on account of sickness.	

NAMES OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED

SPRING TERM

School No. 1	Martha H. Hoyt
No. 3	Edith E. Davis

FALL TERM

No. 1	Margaret G. Sheldrick
No. 3	Edith E. Davis

WINTER TERM

No. 3 grammar	M. Bertha Dreghorn
No. 3 primary	Bertha E. Davis
Grammar and primary	Roseland Tilden

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Orders drawn on district treasurer	$1,003.59

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand	$249 64
Money raised by the district	1,030 00
Literary fund	36 04
Proportion of school fund	185 98
Dog licenses 1911	90 00
	$1,591 66

EXPENDITURES

TEACHERS

Miss Edith E. Davis, 27 weeks	$ 294 78
Miss Martha H. Hoyt, 10 weeks	95 00
Miss M. Bertha Dreghorn, 4 weeks	48 72
Miss Margaret G. Sheldrick, 16 weeks	168 00
Miss Roseland Tilden, 1 week	11 00
District Superintendent	112 50
Miss Sarah A. Porter, board of education	6 00
James W. Bascom, board of education	5 00
Charles A. Jefts, board of education	5 00
H. A. Holmes, treasurer	5 00
George Porter, truant officer	5 00
Janitors	54 70
Insurance	9 00
Wood	28 13
School supplies	20 76
E. Porter, payment on note and interest	135 00
Balance unexpended	588 07
	$1,591 66

LIABILITIES

Note to E. Porter, $600 at 5%

ESTIMATE FOR 1913 and 1914

Money required by law	$ 480 00
Money required for text books and supplies	55 00

High schools	$	80 00
Board of education		15 00
Truant officer		5 00
Other district officers		6 00
Wood		40 00
Literary fund		35 00
General state aid		140 00
One half superintendent's salary		75 00
Repairs of school houses		30 00
Additional amount		325 00

Very respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. JEFTS, } Board of
E. R. WHARTON } Education.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending February 15, 1913

Cash in the treasury Feb. 15, 1912	$	249 64
Cash received from collector		1,030 00
Cash received literary fund		36 04
Cash received state proportion of school funds		185 98
Cash received selectmen 1911 dog license money		90
		$1,591 66

DISBURSEMENTS

By cash paid on orders	$1,003 59
By cash to balance	588 07
	$1,591 66

HERBERT A. HOLMES, School Treasurer.

This certifies that I have this day examined the accounts of the School board and School Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES WINCH, Auditor.

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15, 1913.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board of the School District of Langdon:

I have the honor to submit herewith my fourth annual report, it being the tenth in a series of similar reports.

STATISTICS

School	Teacher	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance
		Spring term, 1912			
Village	Edith E. Davis	22	22	18.32	83.26
Hill	Martha H. Hoyt	20	19.63	16.84	85.78
		Fall term, 1912			
Village	Edith E. Davis	22	19.08	17.25	90.41
Hill	Margaret G. Sheldrick	Not received			
		Winter term, 1912-13			
Primary	Edith E. Davis	10	9.39	8.82	93.90
Grammar	M. B. Dreghorn	10	10	8.18	81.80

During the past fiscal year you have had in your employ five regular teachers. You have maintained one school on Langdon Hill, and at the village, part of the time one school and two for the rest of the time. I feel that the frequent change of teachers, the change in the policy of maintaining one or two schools at the village, the poor attendance in the village schools, and the friction experienced in that school has materially lessened the efficiency of the schools.

We are not wise if we do not profit by the experience of the past year. A stable policy should be adopted and either one school or two schools should be maintained at the village for each school year, except in event of a very unusual fluctuation in the number of pupils. Whenever you decide upon a union of the schools, I should advise the employment of a specially trained teacher, such as is produced at the Keene Normal School through the agency of the model rural school.

In order to secure and retain such a specially trained teacher it will be necessary to pay a considerably larger yearly salary than has been your custom to pay in the past. I have intentionally used the words "yearly salary" because the teacher in considering a position takes into her consideration the yearly remuneration rather than the weekly wage. Teaching has become recognized as a profession, and the teacher's total income should be the amount of her salary. She should not be expected to supplement this through employment during her disengaged periods. These periods, or at least a part of them, should be devoted to farther study, and her salary must be large enough to stand the strain of such added expense.

When it is your policy to maintain two schools at the village, the proposition is not quite so difficult but even then none but trained teachers should be employed.

I feel that we ought to reasonably demand a little better moral support from the community at the village; it is all that could be expected on Langdon hill and the school shows the effect of it.

Permit me again to call your attention to the urgent demand for better provisions for the housing of books and supplies at the village schools. The present condition in this respect is unendurable.

In order to secure state aid for schools for the coming year, Langdon must raise for school purposes $1,023. Deduct from this the $480 required by law and you have $543. From this amount may be substracted your estimates for books and supplies, high school and academy tuitions, and for other statutory requirements, and also what sums are voted for other specific purposes, to determine the least possible amount the district may vote and still receive state aid.

I cannot close without paying tribute to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bascom. Loved and respected by all that knew them they will be sadly missed in the community. The long service of Mr. Bascom on the school board is appreciated by the district, and his absence from their councils is to be most sincerely regretted.

With a sincere expression of gratitude to the board, to the teachers, and to the community for another year of pleasant associations, this report is respectfully submitted.

LOUIS DE WITT RECORD.
Superintendent of Schools.

VITAL STATISTICS

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report, we submit the following:

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 31, 1912

Date, 1912	Name of child (if any)	Sex and Condition: Male or Female	Sex and Condition: Living or Stillborn	Sex and Condition: Number of Child	Sex and Condition: Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Parents' color	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Feb. 13	Della Eveline Greene	F	Living	1	White		Carrie Evelyn Green	White	Langdon			Sullivan, N. H.
28	Ruth Blanche	F		2		Clifton G. Howe	Fanny A. Elwell			Laborer	Marlboro, Mass.	Langdon
Mar. 16	McCree	M		3		Peter McCree	Julia Vegneault			Mechanic	Ireland	Canada
Apr. 27	Dorice Bernice Green	F				Jay E. Green	Mary L. Potter			Farmer	Gilsum	Castleton, Vt.
	Marion Gertrude Lamb	F		7		Herbert G. Lamb	Eleanor Hooper			Farmer	Langdon	Walpole
Aug. 13	Woodell	M		8		George T. Woodell	Annie Jones			Blacksmith	Claremont	Bartonville, Vt.
1	Chase	M		1		Everette K. Chase	Lecia LaSelle			Artist	Cornish	Weston, Vt.
Nov.	Evelyn Gertrude Hurd	F		7		Horace C Hurd	Jessie J. Bridge			Farmer	Newport	Peru, N. Y.

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1912

Date 1912	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at Time of Marriage	Age, yrs.	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Groom and Bride	Name of Father	Birthplace of Parents	No. Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married
Aug. 5	No. Walpole	Wm. J. Bushway	Langdon	23		Farmer	No. Walpole	Thos. Bushway	Canada	S	G. W. Coakley, No. Walpole, Catholic Clergyman
								Delia Hobart	Canada		
		Edith W. Eno	No. Walpole	16		Housekeeper	Bellows Falls	Lewis Eno	Fairhaven, Conn	S	
								Hattie Brunell	Essex Jct Vt.		
Nov. 1	Westminster	Geo. Allen Holmes	Langdon	23	White	Farmer	Langdon	Herbert A. Holmes	Charlestown	S	Geo. F. Chapin, Saxtons River, Vt. Clergyman
								Flora B. Russell	Langdon		
		May Augusta Barnes	Westminster, Vt.	23		Teacher	Westminster, Vt.	Jos. J. Barnes	Westminster	S	
								Clara A. Barnes	Chester, Vt.		

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 31, 1912

Date 1912	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Y	Age M	Age D	Place of Birth	Sex and Condition: Male	Sex and Condition: Female	Sex and Condition: Color	Sex and Condition: Sin. M. or W'd.	Occupation	Place of Birth: Father	Place of Birth: Mother	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 6	George W. Ramsey	74	11	28	Hancock, N. H.	M			W	Farmer	Marlow, N. H.		David Ramsey	Mary A. Ramsey
Feb. 16	Sarah E. Howe	69	8	1	Marlboro, Mass.		F		W	Housekeeper			William Gates	Eunice Newton
July 16	Hiram J. Glynn	61	5	8	Vermont	M		White	M	Farmer	Marlboro, Mass.		Roderick Glynn	
Aug. 9	John Milton Clark	78	2	17	Langdon, N. H.	M			M				John Clark	Eliza Slater

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths are correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

HERBERT A. HOLMES, Town Clerk.